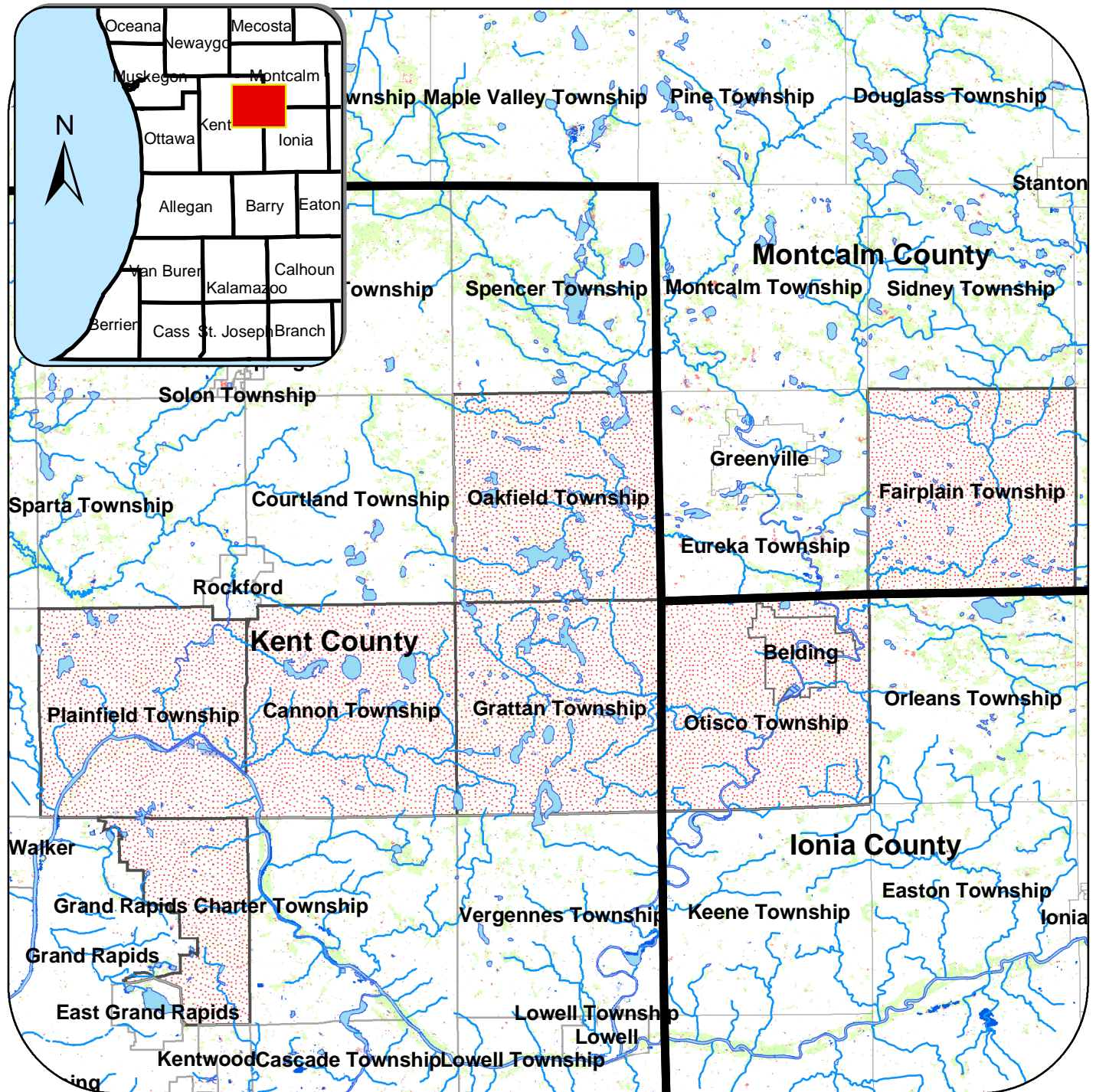


- Kent County EEE* Affected Townships, 2005 -



Map Key

- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Lakes & Rivers
- EEE Identified Township



* EEE or Eastern Equine Encephalitis is a mosquito-borne virus which can affect horses, deer, and people. It is usually carried by birds and mosquitoes in low lying forest, swamp, or emergent wetlands. Several white-tailed deer and horses have been diagnosed with fatal EEE in multiple townships within Kent, Ionia, and Montcalm Counties. Symptoms in deer include: staggering, drooling, a malnourished appearance, and loss of "human avoidance" behavior. Hunters and the general public should not dispatch any deer that they suspect might be infected with EEE but instead report abnormally behaving deer to the DNR immediately. It is critical that these deer be properly euthanized to preserve organs for testing. Timely and proper collection of deer specimens is crucial to accurate diagnosis. Symptoms of EEE in people include: rapid onset fever, headache, stiff neck, seizures, and mental status changes. The incubation period is 4-10 days after the bite of an infected mosquito. Those most at risk include children and persons over 50 residing in endemic areas.